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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that John Dunn, 27, Janesville, was sentenced yesterday in U.S. District Court by Judge John C. Shabaz to 130 months in prison, followed by a five-year term of supervised release, for conspiring to distribute crack cocaine.

From April 2004 until March 30, 2007, Dunn conspired with Jerome Hughes, Lorenzo Taylor, Jennifer Hanthorn, and Jennifer Zweifel to possess and to distribute crack cocaine in Rockford, Janesville, and Beloit. Dunn traveled from Wisconsin on several occasions to meet Taylor in Rockford where Taylor provided the crack cocaine to be sold in Wisconsin. Dunn also controlled the money from drug transactions for Hughes while Hughes was incarcerated in the Wisconsin prison system.

Jerome Hughes, Lorenzo Taylor, Jennifer Hanthorn, and Jennifer Zweifel have been previously sentenced in federal court for their roles in this conspiracy. Hughes was sentenced to life in prison, Taylor to 204 months, Hanthorn to 64 months and Zweifel to 42 months.

The charges against Dunn were the result of an investigation conducted by the Rock County Safe Streets Task Force comprised of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Rock County Sheriff's Department; the Beloit Police Department; the

Janesville Police Department; and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau. To date, a total of 51 defendants have been convicted of federal drug and gun charges resulting from Task Force investigations. The prosecution of John Dunn has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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